

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 41

By Cobb J

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Virgil and Ruth Crane on the celebration of their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on February 11, 1949, Virgil and Ruth Crane were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Crane have been highly respected citizens of their community for many years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, from May 5, 1943, until his honorable discharge on November 30, 1945, Mr. Crane rendered sterling service in the United States Navy, sailing on the *USS Cannon*, which protected the Allied fleet in the Atlantic, and on the *USS Vogelgesang*, which conducted training exercises from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; and

WHEREAS, Virgil Crane then served with acumen and alacrity as an employee with the Tennessee Valley Authority for thirty years before retiring; and

WHEREAS, active in the Rhea County community and its government, Mr. Crane has been a member of the County Election Commission, which he served as Chairperson; and

WHEREAS, he is a member of the American Legion, the Shriners, and his local Masonic Lodge, where he held the post of President at one time; and

WHEREAS, deeply interested in the well-being of his fellow veterans, Virgil Crane has served as a veteran van driver, transporting sick and disabled veterans to Murfreesboro and Nashville for care and treatment; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her many years as a homemaker, Ruth Crane was employed as a bookkeeper at Rhea Central High School and by First Federal Savings and Loan, from which she retired in 1985; and

WHEREAS, together, the Cranes have been active in their local Democratic Party, with Ruth serving as both the Secretary and Vice-Chair of the Rhea County Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, the health and happiness of children are two of Mr. and Mrs. Cranes foremost concerns, and they have dedicated their time and energy as Ronald McDonald volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Crane are active and devout members of the Church of God; and

WHEREAS, for sixty years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, Virgil and Ruth Crane's praiseworthy marriage has produced two children, Mike Crane and Diane Crane Tumlin, who is married to Robert Tumlin; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Crane can proudly boast of having seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Cranes' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Virgil and Ruth Crane on the celebration of their sixtieth wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.